

Boston, July 28, 1849.

My Dear Friend May:

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I thank you for your kind invitation to me, (including my "better half,") to visit Leicester after the Anti-Slavery Pic Nic at Worcester, and shall be most happy to avail myself of the opportunity thus presented to partake of your hospitality, (so long and so frequently proffered,) and to address the people of L. on the subject of slavery, on Sunday evening, August 5th, according to your desire. In compliance with your suggestion, I will advertise the lecture in the next Liberator - only I know not at what time it will be most suitable or convenient to hold the meeting, (probably before dark, commencing at half past 5,) or in what hall. Should you have occasion to write again before our paper goes to press, you will please decide these points.

We will endeavor to have the next Liberator mailed for Worcester county in season on Wednesday, as you suggest.

By all means, send us one or two hundred Posters for this city, if you are to have some printed (and there ought to be) for Worcester and the neighboring towns. I am thoroughly satisfied it is good economy to advertise such a meeting in

a very extensive manner. Too much publicity cannot be given to it. If we should fail of securing a large attendance, for want of due notice, it would be a serious drawback upon the usefulness of the meeting. Ought not an advertisement (as brief as practicable) to be inserted in good season in each of the Worcester papers, in addition to the Posters?

The Republican of this city shall not be overlooked.

I do not think the meeting at Worcester can be organized properly before half past 10 o'clock; but there will be no absolute necessity to wait for the arrival of the Boston special train, before completing the organization, and settling all preliminary matters.

Mr. Jackson and others wish me to preside on the occasion. Of course, I will do so, if no other can be found willing to fill the gap; but I prefer some one else. I shall endeavor to leave Boston in the 7 o'clock train, so as to confer with you and other friends in good season.

Stephen C. Phillips has given Wendell some encouragement that he will attend, but there is as yet no absolute assurance on his part. I presume you have invited, in behalf of the committee, John G. Palfrey and Charles Allen. As for Father Mather, he will not attend. Yesterday morning, Dr.

Bowditch and myself had an interview with him, and handed him a letter of invitation to be present at the jubilee; but he at once declined, and declared his intention, while he remained in this country, not to commit himself on the subject of slavery. He had as much as he can do - he said - to save men from the slavery of intemperance, without attempting any thing for the emancipation of the slaves in this country. Besides, he thought it would not be proper for him to meddle with the subject of slavery. He was opposed to slavery, and should never think of advocating it; but, - &c. &c. I will give you the particulars of the interview when I see you. I was not greatly disappointed. He will follow in the wake of the other clergymen who have come over to this country from England. How pitiable!

We are all agreed in opinion here, that it will be better to take the City Hall for the speeches, and let it be compactly filled. The electric effect will be much greater, and the speakers will be much better heard. Still, you and the friends in Worcester must determine this matter, as, under all the circumstances, you shall think best. Every ^{thing will} depend upon the state of the weather.

Mrs. Garrison is sorry that she will not be able to accompany me, (perhaps little Wendell will do so,) and desire to be kindly remembered to Mrs. May and yourself.

Yours, with high regard,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Samuel May, Jr.

them at the Celebration. If there are any Unitarian Clergy
men in our part of the county friendly to the cause with
whom you may be acquainted. I hope you will write them
letters of invitation. I hope we shall have a ^{meeting} glorious ^{one}
that will ^{tell} the progress of the cause. I hope to meet
most of the other members of the committee at an early
hour at the Temperance House. Truly yours J. T. Everett

~~150 Handbills~~

(Haywards, R. F. W.)

Notice of Sunday Meeting

~~Charles Allen~~

Leave out Father Matthew's
name

~~Charles Allen's~~

A letter also from Mr. Wymann
but you will probably see him.
Thank you for the Lemons & potatoes

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Dear Friend Mary. Brother G has ^{kindly} given me soon
to say a word or two in addition to what he has writ-
ten in relation to the Worcester Celebration.
I fully concur in the propriety of having the meeting
in the Town Hall if it can be had. I have written
letters of invitation to various individuals in Worcester
doubtless urging them to give us the pleasure of meeting